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SUBJECT: DPA DISPATCH RE PRESS REPORT CONCERNING DCM
CONVERSATION WITH STATE SECRETARY FRANK

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A DPA DISPATCH DATED
MORNING 24 OCTOBER CONCERNING THE CONVERSATION DCM CASH
HAD AFTERNOON 23 OCTOBER WITH FRG STATE SECRETARY FRANK.
DCM SPOKE WITH FRANK IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR
WHO WAS OUT OF TOWN ON PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENT IN NORTHERN GERMANY.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN BONN
(SIC) FRANK E. CASH, TODAY WAS SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AFTER IT BECAME KNOWN THAT AMERICAN ARMS
SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL HAD GONE VIA THE GERMAN PORT OF
BREMERHAVEN. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, STATE
SECRETARY PAUL FRANK EXPLAINED THE GERMAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD ARMS SUPPLIES TO TENSION AREAS TO THE US DIPLO-
MAT.

3. NO DETAILS OF THE TALK'S CONTENTS WERE RELEASED,
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BUT ACCORDING TO INFORMED CIRCLES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC

WILL CLEARLY STATE ITS VIEWS IN PUBLIC AS WELL. IN THIS STATEMENT, BONN'S WELL-KNOWN ATTITUDE TO THE PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS LIKELY TO BE EXPRESSED, WHICH IS DETERMINED BY STRICT NONPARTISANSHIP. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT IT STRONGLY REJECTS SUPPLIES OF GERMAN WEAPONS TO TENSION AREAS.

4. IN STRICTEST SECRECY AND SCREENED OFF BY AMERICAN FORCES IN BREMERHAVEN TWO ISRAELI FREIGHTERS WERE LOADED WITH AMERICAN ARMS AND MATERIALS IN THE BREMERHAVEN NORTH PORT (NORDHAFEN) AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK. LAST MONDAY, THE ISRAELI SHIP "NARCIS" WAS LOADED WITH TANKS, AND YESTERDAY AND TODAY A SECOND FREIGHTER, WHOSE NAME HAD BEEN OBLITERATED, WAS LOADED WITH TANKS AND TRUCKS BY AMERICAN SUPPLY TROOPS IN UNTERWESERSTADT. ACCORDING TO AN ADDITIONAL REPORT BY NORDSEE ZEITUNG (BREMERHAVEN), "DOZENS OF ARMORED SELF-PROPELLED GUNS" WERE AMONG THE ARMS. END QUOTE.

3. ABOVE IS FYI. APART FROM CONFIRMING THAT DCM SPOKE TO FRANK ABOUT THE NEAR EAST CRISIS, WE ARE REPLYING NO COMMENT TO PRESS INQUIRIES FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE CONVERSATION.
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